

George Creek Water Users Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Division of Water Rights and the George Creek Water Users was held February 25, 1974, at 11:00 a.m. in the Yost Ward, L.D.S. Church.

Dee C. Hansen, State Engineer of Utah, made a few opening remarks. There was some discussion as to the snow pack on the surrounding mountains. From the snow survey forecast it was mentioned that the snow pack was approximately 168% of normal compared to 175% the previous year at the first of February. Therefore, it was concluded that an above average water year should be expected for 1974.

After this brief discussion the meeting was turned over to Wallace B. Spencer, president of the George Creek Water Users Association. Mr. Spencer then proceeded with the agenda. Mark Page, Division of Water Rights, was asked to read the minutes of 1973. The minutes were read and approved with the following additions: that the word regulatory be added to the order by the State Engineer to read in part; "measuring and regulatory devices be ordered for us at Harold Omans, Joe Taylor, Orval Taylor and the splitter on George Creek."

R. Michael Turnipseed was asked to give the financial report for 1973. After the report was given, there was a motion by Darwin Thompson, seconded by Michael Spencer, that the financial report be approved as read. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Spencer requested Michael O. Spencer, George Creek Water Commissioner for 1973, to give the Annual Commissioner's Report. Commissioner Spencer indicated that the high water peaked on May 20, 1973, with a flow of 73.0 c.f.s. in George Creek. It was also mentioned that the measuring and regulatory devices that were ordered on the 1973 meeting had not been installed as of February 25, 1974.

At this point the discussion focused on the measuring and regulatory devices ordered on by the State Engineer. Mr. Hansen stated that now an order has been given the soil conservation service would not cooperate in the cost of the devices or their installation. Mr. Joe Taylor, who was present at this meeting, was advised that no water would be delivered through his measuring device this season until they were

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repaired. Harold Oman must install a regulatory device into the channel to better satisfy his water rights. Commissioner Spencer reported that he has not turned water at Mr. Omans diversion but that trash is piled into the channel to divert water at this particular diversion in question.

Wallace Spencer has a new diversion on the West ditch and the necessity of a measuring device was discussed. After some discussion it was decided by the water users that a measuring device was not necessary because the water is measured at the splitter into the west ditch, however, a change application should be filed with the State Engineer's Office for the new diversion.

The George Creek Water Users in attendance were in favor of an order, to be delivered by the State Engineer, to have installed some type of measuring device for the winter stockwatering right of Wallace B. Spencer. Mr. Spencer remarked that he would comply with the proposed order. He stated that he would install a small parshall flume for the period of the winter stockwatering right. Mr. Hansen stated that the flume or some type of device would have to be installed by the winter of 1974.

A motion was made by Darwin Thompson and seconded by Collin Booth to accept the commissioner's report and the orders in the ensuing discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Spencer next called for discussion on a water commissioner for the coming year. Michael O. Spencer was nominated for a fourth term as George Creek Water Commissioner. Darwin Thompson made a motion and it was seconded by Collin Booth. The vote was unanimous by those water users present.

The next item on the agenda was the budget. Newly appointed Commissioner Spencer stated he would work under the same contract as in 1973. The only change for the 1974 budget was on the miscellaneous expenses. It was proposed to change the title of this item to Commissioner's Annual Report and increase the item from

\$15.00 to \$25.00.

Description of Budget Item	
1. Commissioners Contractural Services	\$1,400.00
2. Bonds and Insurance Premiums	15.00
3. Commissioners Annual Report	25.00
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Total 1974 Budget	\$1,440.00

The total budget was set at \$1,440.00 and it was decided to assess \$1,440.00 against the water users. Darwin Thompson made a motion that the budget be approved as set. Thomas Teeter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Collin Booth made the motion that the association officers remain the same for the 1974 water year. Michael O. Spencer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Therefore, the 1974 George Creek Water Users Association Officers are:

Wallace B. Spencer	President
Darwin Thompson	Vice-President
Thomas Teeter	Secretary

Thomas Teeter made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Chairman Spencer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Dee C. Hansen	State Engineer	Thomas Teeter	Secretary
R. Michael Turnipseed	Area Engineer	Michael O. Spencer	Water Commissioner
Mark P. Page	Asst. Area Engineer	Collin Booth	
Wallace B. Spencer	President	Joe Taylor	
Darwin Thompson	Vice-President		

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<u>Description of Budget Item</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>	<u>1974</u>
1. Commissioner's Contractural Services	\$ 1400.00	1400. ⁰⁰
2. Bonds and Insurance Premiums	15.00	15. ⁰⁰
3. Miscellaneous Expenses	10.00	25. ⁰⁰
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Total 1973 Budget	\$ 1425.00	1440. ⁰⁰

The total budget was set at \$1,425.00, and it was decided to assess \$1,400.00 against the water users. The remaining \$25.00 was to come from association reserves. Darwin Thompson made a motion that the budget be approved as set. Kenneth Richins seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Michael O. Spencer, Water Commissioner, asked to be paid monthly during the coming irrigation season rather than at the end of the season. Mr. Hansen stated that this would be possible for the George Creek Water Users had enough money in their account. The problem with this type of arrangement is that if the water user's assessments are not received by the deadline, there would not be enough money on account to pay the Commissioner. One solution to this problem would be for the water users to build a reserve fund that could pay any late assessments. After some discussion, it was concluded that the commissioner could be paid monthly during the coming season.

It was also mentioned at this time that there were no delinquent assessments for the 1972 irrigation season.

Mr Hansen asked if the association felt it necessary to elect new officers for the coming year. Mr. Wallace Spencer called for nominations. Kenneth Richins nominated Wallace B. Spencer for President, and Darwin Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kenneth Richins nominated Darwin Thompson for Vice-President, and Thomas Teeter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Darwin Thompson nominated Thomas Teeter for Secretary. This motion was seconded by Kenneth Richins and passed unanimously. Therefore, the